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HENRY LINCOLN JOHNSON.

There is no man in this country who is any more fearless and independent in defending his people than Recorder of Deeds Henry Lincoln Johnson. On the front page of The Bee this week a representative had an interview with him concerning his recent visit to Atlanta, Ga., and the great speech that he delivered to the Republican delegates of all colors that met to elect delegates at large. The Atlanta Constitution published what Recorder Johnson didn't say, and certain papers, edited by colored men, before investigating the truthfulness of the alleged speech, criticized and condemned him. The Bee has known Recorder Johnson for a number of years, and it has never known him to back water or to repudiate a truthful utterance that he ever made. He is not that kind of a man. He is not a man to deny his race or say a thing that would in the least degree compromise his people. The interview with The Bee is manly, and any man with a grain of manhood and fair play will say that Mr. Johnson is a man. When he was asked to betray the administration he was one man to break with his best friend, and for any newspaper to denounce and publish untruths about him is cowardly and unfair. He frankly states to The Bee representative what he said in that Atlanta speech. Why is this man denounced any way? What has he done? He has succeeded in doing what his critics cannot do or will ever do. In politics he is head and front above any of his competitors. Is it because he has succeeded? Is that green eyed monster so deeply buried into the hearts of his enemies that they are not fair or just enough to give him credit for the successful fight he made in his State and the victory that he achieved? He can be relied upon to do his duty towards his people. His record as Recorder of Deeds for this city is above reproach. He commands the respect of the entire bar, irrespective of color, religion or political creed. He knows his business and he fearlessly executes it. The Bee has the highest respect for its contemporary, the New York Age, but its attack and criticisms are unfair. Mr. Johnson is not a man to take advantage of any man. He is open in criticism of public men and measures. He doesn't pick his men any more than the Editor of The Bee. He is honest and outspoken, and today the entire State of Georgia respects him, irrespective of party. Every Judge in his State honors him, and the country at large respects him. He has over six hundred thousand Odd Fellows in this country behind him, which was fully demonstrated at the last meeting of the B. M. C. of that organization that met in Baltimore, Md., about a year ago. Mr. Johnson has won what laurels he possesses by merit, richly deserved.

Our contemporary, the Age, ought to be manly and make the amend honorable by saying to the world that it has wronged an innocent and good man. He never retreats nor does he play the coward. As The Bee has often said, and does say, he is one of the "noblest Romans of them all," a leader indeed and in fact.

A PARTY DISAGREEMENT.

President Taft has advised his supporters not to abuse Col. Roosevelt or any of those who are supporting him, because it is a party disagreement, and every loyal Republican must support the nominee of the National Republican convention. There are many colored Republicans opposing President Taft on account of his Southern

policy, which, they say, they cannot support. Dr. S. L. Corrothers, who is being supported in this connection by a large number of his bishops and ministerial associates. The Bee believes that he has the interest of his race at heart, notwithstanding his opposition to President Taft on account of his Southern policy. The Democratic party is offering no inducements whatever to the colored voters, and it is quite evident that Dr. Corrothers cannot support the Democratic party and be loyal to his people, who are being opposed and discriminated against by the Democratic party. The Bee must concede that Dr. Corrothers and his associates are making a strong impression on the colored voters, and up to this writing Chairman McKinlay is doing nothing to stem the tide of the opposition, so far as the colored vote and the colored press are concerned. On the other hand the Roosevelt Bureau is making inroads on the colored press as between the several Republican candidates for the Presidency. Chairman McKinlay cannot be correctly informed, and if he is, it is quite evident that he is making no effort to secure the support of the colored press. The friends of the President ought to lay unvarnished facts before the committee, and from what The Bee understands, there are the knockers, who are informing the friends of the administration that the colored vote is solid. It is not solid, as is evidenced by the appeal made by the colored ministers last week, and the advice of The Bee is that Dr. Corrothers' appeal to the colored voters should be answered at once before it takes root too deeply. They say it is a party disagreement. If it is, let us get together at once.

RACE DISCRIMINATION.

In support of a movement before the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce for the establishment of an industrial school for white girls, Henry B. F. Macfarland, an attorney, attacked Judge DeLacy, of the juvenile court, for committing wayward girls to institutions in the District that are not under the control of the Government.

"Mr. Macfarland asserted that Judge DeLacy's action was without warrant in law, and that if the issue were carried before the District Court of Appeals the commitments would be set aside and several changes in the system would be made. He argued that girls of the wayward type should be cared for in institutions directly under the control of the Government instead of being sent to private charitable institutions."

"The action of Judge DeLacy was defended by Chapin Brown, who declared that there is only one reform school in the District for girls, and that all of the inmates are Negro girls, and that it was for this reason that Judge DeLacy had been sending white girls to private institutions. Mr. Brown also told the executive committee that the District Committee of the Senate had put in the District appropriation bill an item for \$20,000 to be used in the erection of a building for white girls, and the executive committee promptly made a recommendation that the Chamber of Commerce support the bill. The matter will receive further attention at the next meeting."

The foregoing excerpt is from the daily press. Mr. Macfarland is right and Judge DeLacy and Mr. Chapin Brown are wrong. Why should we have a separate institution for white and colored criminals as law offenders? One criminal or law offender is no better than the other, be he white or black. Both gentlemen no doubt believe in the Christian religion, and The Bee begs leave to ask both Mr. Brown and Judge DeLacy if God has any separate places of punishment in Hades for white and black, and whether God says all whites shall live and all blacks shall die? If there is not enough room at the girls' reform school for white girls because there are so many Negro girls there, make room. The Bee agrees with Mr. Macfarland; he is correct in his criticism of Judge DeLacy.

HOWARD LAW SCHOOL.

Elsewhere in this issue of The Bee, will be seen a very interesting letter from Mr. James C. Waters, a graduate of the law department of Howard University. The letter should be read by all graduates of the law department of Howard University. Why should the law school of this University be removed from where it is now? It is in close proximity to all the courts. Every college of any standing has its law school in the city and not in the country, where Mr. Waters hints that the Howard law school contemplates on being placed. The Bee cannot believe that Dr. Thirkield is against the success of the law. He has been too interested in placing good men in its faculty. The law school of this department is no doubt a necessary adjunct to Howard University, and any attempt to abolish it will be fatal to the institution. The question is, who is managing How-

ard University, the trustees or outsiders? If the trustees are handling it, the people want to know it, or if outsiders are managing it, the sooner a change is made the better it will be for the institution.

BRUCE VINDICATED.

The Board of Education, by a vote of five to three voted to sustain the report of the superintendent, Dr. Davidson, last Wednesday evening, in his vindication of Mr. R. C. Bruce, assistant superintendent of the colored schools. Three colored members who voted against Mr. Bruce declared their intention to do what they could for the schools. There is but one thing for the colored members to do, and that is to resign from the Board of Education, because their usefulness is at an end. They made a losing fight.

BOB WARING

Trying to Hitch on the Roosevelt Bandwagon—His Letters Cause Myth.

CINCINNATI, O., March 16.—Colored men in Cincinnati and other parts of Ohio who have received letters from Robt. L. Waring, of Washington, in the interest of Roosevelt, are laughing up their sleeve over the employment of such an unknown quantity by the Roosevelt forces. Mr. Waring couldn't get a mosquito out here to follow him, and Ohio mosquitoes usually like a soft article. He sent the following letter to Mr. Joe Jones, of this city:

Washington, D. C.,
March 11, 1912.

Mr. Joseph L. Jones,
Temple Court, 8th & Plum,
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dear Sir:
Knowing your peculiar qualifications for gauging the Negro in your State and country, I am taking the liberty to write you for information regarding the Roosevelt sentiment.

The indications here are that he will be nominated. Have you any Roosevelt Clubs in your county? Can the Negroes be organized into Roosevelt Clubs to take part in the coming primaries?

I hope that I am not troubling you with these questions, but we, of the District of Columbia, have no vote, as you fellows out in the States have, and as a result we are not up-to-date as you are.

Will you kindly forward me the names and addresses of any friends who may be interested in the progressive movement?

I am very anxious to know what our people are doing.

I have the honor to remain,
Yours very truly,

ROBT. L. WARING.

RECEPTION TO DR. SHEPARD.

Dinner at True Reformers' Hall.

Dr. James E. Shepard, of Durham, N. C., who is to speak at Bethel Literary Tuesday night, March 20th, will be tendered a dinner by some of Washington's most eminent ministers and citizens in True Reformers' Hall. Covers will be laid for 60. The dinner will take place from 5 to 7 o'clock, and Mr. E. Murray, the well-known caterer will furnish it. Music will be furnished by the Amsterdam orchestra.

The following selections will be played at the hall during the dinner hour:

1. Overture—Poet and Peasant.
2. Selection—Flight of Fancy.
3. Serenade—Tramier.
4. Overture—Spring.
5. March—Majestic.

At the church, Mr. A. D. Washington, president, who will introduce Mr. Justice Wendell Phillips Stafford, of the District Supreme Court, who will introduce Dr. James E. Shepard. Mr. Justice Stafford has visited the school of Dr. Shepard, and he can speak of its work from personal observation. The Amsterdam orchestra will furnish music, and will render the following selections:

1. Overture—Kiss Spring.
2. Selection.
3. March—Majestic.
4. Down Home.
5. March—Look Out. Trade Comes to America.

Committee on Arrangements: W. Calvin Chase, chairman; R. W. Thompson, secretary; S. W. Pittman, treasurer; A. W. Scott, and John C. Dancy.

Union Revival Meetings.

The annual revival meetings of the National Baptist Evangelical Convention of America, and Cosmopolitan City Mission and Church Extension Society, opened last Sunday at the Cosmopolitan Baptist Church. Dr. W. A. Taylor, of Newport News, Va., preached a sermon, assisted by J. S. Burk, Rev. Enock Harris, Rev. Holiday, Rev. Furture, and the woman evangelist, Mrs. Estella Spiller Hawkins. These meetings will be continued until Easter Sunday, April 7th. Every week day at 3 and 7:30 P. M. A religious mass meeting will be held at 3 P. M. next Sunday. Mrs. Hawkins, Dr. Perry, Dr. Taylor will speak.

Dr. Simon P. W. Drew will direct the revival.

The testimonial reception and mass meeting at the Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, N Street N. W., between 9th and 10th Streets, is set for March 22.

Richards Literary.

The Richards Literary Club held its last meeting at the residence of Miss Helen Moore, 1834 13th St. N. W., as guest of Mr. S. W. Dudley. The entertaining program was featured by an instrumental solo rendered by Miss H. J. Moore, and an essay by Miss C. C. Thomas, on "The Life and Times of Titian." At the conclusion of the program the guests repaired to the dining room, where refreshments were served.

Public Men And Things

(By the Sage of the Potomac.)

Whenever I hear the name of the Mu-So-Lit Club I become amused. There are a few connected with it that imagine that they are really immaculate. I understand that an increase in its membership will be made as soon as the club is filled with the juveniles. The juveniles seem to be in the majority. Just what kind of social fever has struck this club I am at a loss to know. Richard Wordy Thompson would rather write about the Mu-So-Lits and the part that he takes in the introduction of guests than to accept a five dollar bill for a column.

Speaking seriously about the Mu-So-Lits, my friend Bob Pelham knows these boys better than I do. I thought that I would consult him this week, but it seems impossible to catch this busy gentleman. Bob is a member of the Mu-So-Lits, pure and simple. He doesn't believe in codfish aristocracy, yet he is always with it. Washington is full of codfish aristocracy. This city is society crazed. Whist parties have monopolized the social circle, and it is always a question of discussion who is to be invited. A few codfish aristocrats are fighting among themselves. It is so very ridiculous to see them and read about them and hear others speak of them that I will not relate it. I was amused though, a few days ago, when I was an invited guest at one of the whist sittings. You can find out everything you don't know. Every whist club thinks it is better than the other party. Now just suppose the Sage knew what we said one half the time? Just think of it, said Mrs. L. to her daughter, Mrs. W. wants to know invariably who she is? Where does she come from, and with whom she associates? This is the female dictator of whist parties in the city. Mrs. L. retorts and says: "Just think of it." Miss W. wants to dictate to our society. You have no idea of the fun I have at these homes of the mistresses of the whist circle.

Col. Henry Lincoln Johnson went to Georgia and returned with the goods. Lincoln is a cosmopolitan individual, and doesn't care what his critics may say. I don't agree with the attack the Age made on him a few weeks ago. I regard it a cowardly attack. Mr. Johnson went to Georgia and fought the enemy like a man. He is one of the few Negroes in office who is not depending on a government job. He is always ready to do his duty toward his fellow man. I admire the man because he is manly. Speaking about contests in the National Republican Convention, the Roosevelt contestants have as much show of being admitted as the devil does entering the kingdom of heaven.

There are some people in this world who are too mean to say their prayers. The colored Social Settlement had arranged to have Tallaboo repeated at the expense of the Settlement, and to allow the producers a certain per centage. A quetus was put on it by a Mrs. Busbody, whose expressions are as amusing as her acts. However, the producers failed to accept the proposition of the Settlement, and, like a dog with a bone that saw his shadow in the water, lost all. The Social Settlement is doing more work under Dr. John R. Francis than it has ever done before.

Armond Scott failed to extend me an invitation to his tag last week. I understand it surpassed the Arlington five dollar dinner, and that Mrs. Scott and her mother performed the honors. The Police Court lawyers received a mild roasting by Gray Wilkinson, and the Mu-So-Lit Club a few weeks ago. The difference between Wilkinson and the Police Court lawyers, as he designated them, they are living off their ability, while Wilkinson is a mere accident. I understand that he is a lawyer. Why does he not resign his school position and practice his profession? I always notice that all law graduates from Oxford, England, Yale, Dartmouth, Harvard, Howard and Princeton, find their way to the police court of this city. Many of them return to their first love, either teaching school, preaching, slinging hash or catering before they starve to death. There are many college graduates who don't make decent country school teachers. I am not a lawyer, but I certainly commend the colored members of the bar for the excellent work many of them are doing. Messrs. Scott, Stewart, Clinkscales, Gaskins, Peyton, Pollard, Frisby, Collins, King, Hughes and Gray, Burly and Walker, Martin, Jones, Beckett, Smith, Ricks, Moss, are all doing well. They don't belong to the sundown class, either.

I am glad to know that all professional men are not alike and many of those don't have to consult a white man before they give an opinion. It is well to consult your superiors, in intellect, at times, but it is unwise to ask them their opinion when you know that you are right on a proposition. I had a case recently where a physician had to consult another before he would report on an examination in which he was right. One was white and the other colored. I am glad that there are a few colored men who have backbones.

I was asked a few days ago whether I attended church. Why I believe in the church and the Christian religion. I am shocked to see so many moving picture theaters open on the Sabbath. It is a shame to see so many young ladies, children and mothers with their babies, instead of going to church, going to these moving picture shows on the Sabbath. Hundreds of young misses can be seen upon the public streets on a Sunday evening on their way to moving picture shows, instead of going to a house of worship. What has become of our Christian religion? I am surprised to see so much frivolity on a Sunday evening. The pul-

pit is doing nothing to put a stop to these Sunday night frolics. Here is work for the temperance advocates. These sham reformers can be seen themselves looking for the prey. Intoxicants are distasteful to their sight and obnoxious to their eyes. You may see them, however, upon the corner admiring the beauties of nature. O! ye hypocrites and sinners, which is the more dangerous to society, chasing intoxicants or pretty girls? Will the temperance advocate answer? Don't understand me to be opposed to pretty girls. I love to look in the face of a sweet, modest girl. One that will resent an insult offered her. Then again we should protect our girls from insults. By the way, I started out speaking about moving picture theaters, and I find myself speaking of pretty girls. This is my weakness; I am a temperance advocate. We are all alike.

I dropped into the Due Drop Inn, Joseph H. Jones, the other evening. I was looking for the Sundown American, but I was told that it had never gotten over The Bee sting. I remarked to the manager of the "Inn" that it had no doubt gone to that country where no trouble has ever known to return. Speaking of that unknown country and its inmates, The Sage has a faint recollection when many of them departed for that resting place. Yes, I do remember the departure of the Washington American. It took a sudden exit on a special train. The last time I heard Ollie he was making a speech in defense of his "weakling." I do remember hearing him say, it is not how long you have been here, but what you have done. Poor Ollie, he has realized by now the fallacy of his dreams. I wonder if he is not tired of a bachelor's life? Ocie and Ollie don't speak as they pass by. They disagreed on the "modus operandi" of past events. Ollie they are the bachelor pair.

EAGER TO HEAR DR. SHEPARD

Indications Point to a Big Meeting at Metropolitan A. M. E. Church on Tuesday Night.

Brilliant Young Educator to Speak on "Religious Training the Hope of the Negro Race"—Substantial Citizens Bestow Merited Honors.

Distinguished Men to Be Here—Justice Stafford, Rabbi Simon, President Thirkield, Dr. Ross and Others to Lend a Hand—Bethel Literary to Have a Banner Night.

Dr. James E. Shepard, president of the National Religious Training School, who is announced to deliver an address next Tuesday evening before the Bethel Literary and Historical Association at Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, will arrive in the city on Tuesday morning, coming on from his New York City headquarters.

He will be accompanied by a number of friends and co-workers, among them Archdeacon W. George Avant, of Newbern, N. C.; Dr. J. Elmer Dellinger, of Greensboro, N. C.; C. C. Amey, superintendent of the Durham Textile Mill; C. C. Spauling, vice-president and general manager of the North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association, and Dr. C. H. Shepard, a practicing physician of Durham, N. C. All are well-known and popular here.

The program at the church on Tuesday evening will be in keeping with the dignity of the occasion. Dr. Shepard's theme will be "Religious Training the Hope of the Negro Race," upon which he is an acknowledged authority. He will analyze the peculiar conditions under which the Negro labors in this country, and will offer a remedy that will square with common sense and will appeal to the judgment of all right-thinking people. He will tell of his work at Durham, where he has built up a wonderful institution—one of the very best in the land—and will describe in detail the results he hopes to accomplish through the great Ministerial Conference called by him to meet at Durham next July, as well as many other features of interest concerning the moral, material and civic development of the race.

Prof. J. Henry Lewis has prepared a rich musical program, which will include, among other things, selections by the vested choir of the Metropolitan Church, an organ voluntary by Prof. William Braxton, and a solo by Prof. John T. Layton.

Justice Wendell Phillips Stafford, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, is to introduce the speaker, and there will be remarks by Rabbi Abram Simon, of the Jewish Synagogue, Dr. W. P. Thirkield, president of Howard University, is expected to be present, together with a host of representatives of the religious, educational, professional and business life of the nation's capital. All local pastors are urged to turn out with their congregations.

Mr. A. D. Washington, president of Bethel Literary Society, will preside, assisted by his capable official staff, and Miss Mary Curtis and Mr. E. L. Scott will act as secretaries. The Amsterdam orchestra will furnish music. Miss Nannie H. Burroughs' school choir will also sing.

Previous to the speaking, Dr. Shepard will be tendered a complimentary dinner at Murray's Cafe, 1216 U Street Northwest, by a number of personal friends. This tribute is intended as a formal recognition of the fundamental work he is doing for the uplift of his people, and as an assurance of the hearty co-operation and support of the substantial citizens of this progressive community. Tomorrow, Dr. Shepard will be in Paterson, N. J., where he will address the Y. M. C. A. of the place. During the past week he has filled a series of important speaking engagements in New York and New Jersey, and has met with a warm reception all along the line.

Metropolitan A. M. E. Church should be crowded Tuesday evening, when he comes to deliver his inspiring message.

A Good Financial Sharing.

A special offering at the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church last Sunday morning, amounted to \$1,208.

Several clubs of the church contributed to this handsome sum, among which was the "Ushers Club," who contributed \$50 to this fund. The fund is to be used exclusively for church repairs from time to time, a commendable object, indeed.

FAKE HARMONY MEETING.

Peace Out of the Question—Hypocrisy Exposed—Claimed He Created Dissatisfaction Everywhere.

Mr. Editor:

One would be led to believe from what appeared in "The Evening Star" of this city, March 14, 1912, under the caption of "Church Harmony urged," that the dove of peace had settled over the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, but this is far from the truth. At the "fake" harmony meeting reported, there were about five persons present, and they were staunch Willises. The anti-Willisites knew nothing of the meeting, nor were they invited to take part therein. We are tired of being placed in a bad light before the public by our brethren, and we propose to bare their hypocrisy to the world. Peace and harmony can not exist there until the opponents of Willis are allowed to exercise their rights as members of the church. No member who voted against Mr. Willis is safe to go to the church alone. About three weeks ago, you will recall eight of those persons who voted against Willis were arrested merely because they went to the church. The sexton, a Willisite, commanded these people to leave the House of Worship. They refused. Bias immediately shot up the community. He was arrested and is now held under bond. Judge Muldowney dismissed the cases of the eight upon the testimony of the Government witnesses alone. Mr. E. S. Harris, one of the eight, had been a church worker for forty years; he was badly beaten up by a member of the Willis faction, who had only been in the church for nine months.

The election of June 9, 1911, was not a fair one, reflecting the sentiments of the people of the church, but was fraudulent in its very nature—money and whiskey playing an important role. It was such a farce that no minister would have accepted the call.

After the persons voting for Willis had been counted and during the time the opponents of Willis were being voted, a fight was precipitated by a Willisite, which so intimidated the people then voting that they ran out in order to escape coming in contact with the razors and knives which were being freely used by the Willisites in order to carry things their way.

Mr. Willis has created dissatisfaction in all the churches over which he has had charge. When he was pastor of the Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Orange County, Virginia, there was trouble created, and after he left peace was restored. This reverend gentleman and church dignitary then tried his hand in Greenville County, Virginia, where he succeeded in bringing on a bitter church fight, and he left there for the Nation's Capital, where he has precipitated a church war, the like of which has not been chronicled.

This same gentleman claimed to have graduated (?) from a school of theology in Virginia, which, upon investigation, we found that the school was only in existence three months, when it was burned down. We find that this same gentleman graduated (?) from a third grade private school of this city about ten years ago. They tell us about harmony. Well, that is, what we want, but if it is to be had in the abandonment of our share in the \$125,000 church, then pass it up.

We purpose to stand our ground, asking no favors, but simply the right to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience, and at the same time not infringe upon the rights of the humblest member of the church.

JABEZ LEE,
609 F St. N. W.

Social Settlement News.
The Board of Managers of the colored Social Settlement are making a strong and earnest effort to lift the mortgage from their institution and put in a new heating plant.

They are now carrying on a Ten Cent Tag campaign, and they ask every one to contribute to this worthy cause to the small amount of ten cents when approached with the tags. The committee is very sincere about this campaign, and hope that they will never again have to go before the public with an appeal for money to cancel this mortgage.

Fifty thousand persons at ten cents each, and we will have the sum that we are so much in need of.

Now let all the people come to our relief.

The Committee: Mrs. Georgia D. Hawkins, Mrs. Roscoe C. Bruce, Mrs. Anna J. Cooper, Prof. George W. Cook, Mr. S. E. Middleton, and Dr. Thomas Jessie Jones.

Presentation at Asbury.

Presentation exercises were held at Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church last Sunday evening. The pastor, Rev. M. W. Clair, D. D., Ph. D., was presented with a purse of \$75 by the church. Mrs. Fannie M. Clair, president of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, was presented with a purse of \$30 by the society of the church.

The presentation address was delivered by Lawyer Sylvester L. McLaurin, and the meeting was presided over by Mr. Henry Jarvis.

Inadvertently Omitted.

The Bee apologizes to its friend, Mr. James H. Hudnell, whose name was inadvertently omitted in the report of the stag given by Attorney Armond W. Smoot, at his residence, last Wednesday evening, March 18. Mr. Hudnell is one of The Bee's most ardent supporters and friends.

Cheyney Summer School.

A printed catalogue of the Cheyney Summer School has been issued. It was beautifully illustrated. Prof. Hugh M. Brown is the principal of this school.